

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
April 3, 2019**

Chairman Dziokonski, Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Sargent, Selectman Connolly, and Selectman Kerrigan were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Public Comment

There was none.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from March 20, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Kerrigan reviewed some amendments, the word "left" was omitted regarding the actions took by Selectman Sargent's at the Ethics Disclosure Discussion, and the Annual Town Meeting schedule, correction it was his first town meeting serving as Selectmen. The vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Ethics Disclosure: Sealer of Weights & Measures

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board had requested an opinion from the Solicitor on the conflict of interest disclosure by the Town Administrator. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed at the last meeting he reviewed the law 268a section 21, regarding a board member seeking a position appointed and supervised by the board. He has contacted the State Ethics Commission for review, the position is supervised through the Town Administrator. Therefor the member of the board won't have to resign, the member can stay on and the Town Administrator shall make the disclosure. There would be no reason for the member to resign. Selectman Sargent expressed he is the board member that applied for the position, he contacted the State Ethics Commission and the Town Solicitor for a legal review as to weather or not he can be a candidate for the position, while an elected member of the board. It concluded he does not have to resign unless selected for the position. He explained to avoid the appearance of a conflict, he has decided to submit a letter of resignation effective Thursday, April 4, 2019. He read a prepared statement thanking all of the board members he served with also including the town officials he has worked with over the last nine years. He also thanked the citizens of Clinton for their confidence in electing him to serve. Selectman Connolly thanked Selectman Sargent for the steadfast and diligent service to the community, he appreciates the friendship and

support they have shared. Selectman Kerrigan stated although they have had an occasional difference on policies, he always knew where Dave stood on an issue. When he decided to run Dave was one of the first to reach out and offer support, he is grateful for that. Chairman Dziokonski explained he has served a total of 15 years as a Selectmen as of next June. The current board members, and previous member Jim LeBlanc have been one of the most productive boards he has served with. Handling issues without granger or anger, there is no back biting. He thanked Selectman Sargent for the continuous service to the board and wished him success. Selectman Iacobucci wished Selectman Sargent all the best with his future, he agrees it is the best decision for the board. Town Administrator Ward thanked Selectman Sargent for the service and support on the board. He has appreciated the friendship.

Brody Memorial Donation- Parks & Recreation Commission

Chairman Dziokonski invited the Parks & Recreation Commission members forward for discussion on a donation by the David Brody family of a bronze sculpture for Central Park. Park & Recreation Chairman Ed Verrier, Commission Member Yoanna Osborne and Recreation Manager Rosa Karit were before the board. Ms. Osborne thanked Selectman Sargent for all of his dedicated service to the town over the years. She invited Facility Director Russel Karlstad forward to participate in the discussion. Ms. Osborne explained she is aware of what a great resource Central Park is to the community, she explained the department had been approached by the Brody family to make a donation of a monument to memorialize David Brody. Mr. Brody founded Van Brody Company in town, running a successful operation for many years. Once approached the Commission agreed to accept the donation once a policy was established, and began planning on where to put it. Mr. Karlstad reviewed a location has been chosen in the center of the park where a large Elm tree will be removed, at the cross. It will be mounted on granite slabs that the DPW has agreed to provide. This will be an interactive sculpture so there will be a spot light on it for security. Chairman Dziokonski asked if this requires approval from the board. Ms. Osbourne explained no it had been approved by the Park & Recreation Commission; they were only providing notice to the board. The board thanked the commission for the notice and asked if a plaque will be displayed denoting the significance of the statue. Mr. Karlstad explained one will be displayed once the wording has been agreed upon.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Review

Veterans Services

Veteran Agent Mr. Brendan Bailey was before the board to review the FY20 budget request for the department. He reviewed he submitted a level funded budget, with everything the same as the prior year. He explained he made a reduction to the Veterans Benefits of \$20,000. There has been a reduction over the last three years. He increased

the miscellaneous budget by \$500.00, to cover the expense of software needed to process claims to the state. The board thanked Mr. Bailey for the budget review.

Building Department

Building Inspector Jim Salmon was before the board for the FY20 budget review. Mr. Salmon explained the budget he presented is \$250 less than last year in the miscellaneous expenses. He informed the board he acquired a new vehicle from the Police Department, it is now in service as his inspection vehicle. The board thanked Mr. Salmon for his review.

Town Clerk

Administrator Ward explained the Town Clerk is unavailable to attend the meeting this evening but submitted the departmental budget. She reviewed she can be available if there are questions on the submission. He reviewed the budget amount has decreased due to fewer elections needed.

Board of Health

Administrator Ward explained the Chairman of the Board of Health had a conflict with another meeting but is willing to attend the April 17th meeting for review.

Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Paul Wood was before the board for the FY20 budget review. Mr. Wood reviewed he is finalizing a barn, that is 30 x 50 feet that he will be increasing the budget next year to support the use of. This will be used to house animals if a town wide Emergency arises, this will be a place to house displaced animals. He will be ready next year and have the budget request prepared for next year. The board thanked Mr. Wood for attending the meeting for budget review.

Fuller Field Commission

Fuller Field Chairman Matt Kobus was before the board for the FY20 budget review. He reviewed there is an increase request for \$17,000 to upgrade the valve shut offs to the water source at the field. At this time, they are located 6 feet underground, accessible through a manhole. Facility Director Russ Karlstad has reviewed and agreed this is needed. He isn't sure if it will be presented as a warrant article or part of the budget. He also reviewed the heating in the field house needs repairs, the pipes located in the house freeze creating a need for \$1500.00 repairs last year. The Facility Director agrees this should be repaired as a prevention measure. The discussion concluded with the expenses for repairs, if discussed with the Facility Director, it may be included in the

facility budget or as capital improvement warrant article expense. The board thanked Mr. Kobus for attending the meeting for budget review.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of April 2019: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Old Timers, Spruce Street Tavern and The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed any additional requests be sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. The vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Use Events

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed an application has been submitted for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

CMS 8th Grade Recognition Annual Event Thursday, June 6, 2019

Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the date as requested. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Raffle Permit

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed an application has been submitted from Clinton Turn Verein for a raffle permit to host fundraising events for their organization. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

EOEA Grant for Environmental Remediation in Clinton

Chairman Dziokonski explained the town has received grant funding in the amount of \$35,000 for environmental remediation work for town owned land at 329 High Street, Mr. Duffy has submitted a scope of services to be approved by the board. Administrator Ward explained Mr. Duffy is attending the Planning Board meeting and plans to stop in after that meeting. Selectman Connolly explained he has reviewed the information submitted and doesn't see anything complicated, he is fine with moving forward on the approval. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the scope of services as submitted by the Community & Economic Development Director. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

National Grid Service Agreement for S-5 LED Streetlight Tariff

Administrator Ward explained as the board is aware the town is completing a project to covert the street lights to LED with funding from state grants and an environmental settlement agreement. The new lights will have the ability to be monitored through software for maintenance, the town will own and maintain the new lights. At this time, National Grid maintains the lights for the town. The new lights require the change in the rate from S-2 to S-5, National Grid requires the town to enter into contract requiring a 5-million-dollar insurance coverage. Administrator Ward explained this is standard all municipalities have this coverage. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the service agreement with National Grid to change to a S-5 tariff rate for the LED conversion project of the streetlights. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Recycle Center Fee Schedule Update

Administrator Ward reviewed the town received a grant from DEP to offset the cost of recycling mattresses, the grant has expired. The Solid Waste Recycle Committee recently held a meeting to review the costs, at this time it costs \$13.00 per mattress plus a trucking fee to recycle. The committee is recommending a fee increase to cover these costs, the proposed fee would be \$17.50 per mattress or 7 stickers. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the proposed fee for mattress recycling as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CHS Class of 2019 Senior Yearbook Donation Request

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board received a donation request from the CHS Class of 2019 to support the yearbook. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve a donation in the same amount as prior years. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Scholarship & Enrichment Foundation Donation Request

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board received a donation request from the Scholarship & Enrichment Foundation to support the scholarships to local high school students. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve a donation in the same amount as prior years. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

Sidewalk Survey and Maintenance subcommittee

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board agreed to for a subcommittee to establish some better maintenance for the town sidewalks. Selectman Kerrigan volunteered to serve on the subcommittee, Chairman Dziokonski agreed to serve on the subcommittee as well.

Committee Reports

Marketing Communications Sub-Committee

Selectman Kerrigan explained the committee met and is working on organizing a town wide cleanup day on May 18, 2019. He asked anyone with interest to contact him via e-mail to participate.

Cable Commission

Selectman Kerrigan reviewed the commission had recently met and reviewed renewal of the cable contract along with discussing a volunteer program to have coverage for the recording of boards & committee meetings.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman Iacobucci announced he will not be seeking re-election at the expiration of his term this June, he appreciates working with this board and has served on numerous boards in town, this one is the most efficient. He has been able to engage in some healthy debate while serving. Chairman Dziokonski thanked him for the announcement.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero

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